

The Candlelighter

Supporting the families of children with cancer

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 Candlelighters - Yorkshire's Children's Cancer Charity

Candlelighters Christmas Party 2018

Join us at The Royal Armouries for
our fabulously festive Christmas Party!
Sunday 2nd December, 1pm - 5pm

Our annual Christmas Party welcomes all families
supported by Candlelighters.

If you would like to attend simply complete the form below
and return to 8 Woodhouse Square, Leeds, LS3 1AD.

Alternatively, you can email your RSVP to The Square
at thesquare@candlelighters.org.uk.

If you would like to support our Christmas Party through
sponsorship or a donation of raffle prizes, please contact
vicky.fisher@candlelighters.org.uk or call 0113 887 8333.



Christmas Party Form:

Patient's name	Date of birth	M/F	Allergies
Sibling name	Date of birth	M/F	Allergies
Sibling name	Date of birth	M/F	Allergies
Sibling name	Date of birth	M/F	Allergies
Sibling name	Date of birth	M/F	Allergies
Sibling name	Date of birth	M/F	Allergies
Adults name			
Adults name			
Email			
Telephone No.			

Please note this event is for siblings, patients & parents/guardians only

Message from our Chair

Change is a symptom of life - sometimes it is hard to deal with, other times we embrace change with joy. We have experienced so many changes at Candlelighters recently that I ought to mention but all are positive expressions of the life and health of the charity.

Pauline Jolley has been the one consistent face in the office for 17 years. When I rang the office from the year my son relapsed and died until the end of June 2018 she was always there. Pauline was our repository, our archive, our touchstone and what she didn't know about our history was barely worth knowing. She was measured in her responses, insightful and above anything else, she was kind. She has now retired and we are all the poorer! Fortunately, she had a lot of input into finding her successor, Richard, who is fitting in well, although he has



big shoes to fill. Richard has buckets of experience in the charity sector and will enrich our mix of leadership.

Pauline - we honour you, Richard we welcome you!

Our Senior Management Team, have performed at the highest levels during the period of change in our leadership. Pauline, Lucy, Marie and Natalie have kept Candlelighters at peak operating efficiency and I commend them for their hard work, above and beyond the call of duty. *They are all stars!*

The last of these changes is the appointment of a new charity director at our helm. Emily Wragg who had been in the deputy role before she was head hunted by another children's charity, has re-joined us to sit in the Captain's chair. Emily has so much to offer Candlelighters

and I believe she will be able to lead us forward with creativity and imagination, upholding our values as we continue to develop the charity.

Emily is back! Yippee!

Notice is given that a general meeting of The Candlelighters Trust will be held on Wednesday 12th September 2018 from 6:00pm - 6:30pm at Candlelighters Trust, 8 Woodhouse Square, Leeds LS3 1AD

- Refreshments served prior to meeting
- Strictly RSVP
- Contact Lucy at lucy.fletcher@candlelighters.org.uk by 8th September 2018 or call 0113 887 8333

Copies of the Charity's accounts can be sent out prior to the meeting on request being made to Lucy Fletcher at The Candlelighters Trust office, 8 Woodhouse Square, Leeds LS3 1AD

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**Welcome
Richard**

We welcome Richard Atkinson as our new head of finance. Richard is a chartered public finance accountant with wide experience in the public and charity sectors. Most recently he was with Oxfam for 7 years, where he spent most of his time managing support services in humanitarian responses.

Message from Emily

Charity Director

I am absolutely overjoyed to be back at Candlelighters and to be taking on this incredibly exciting new role; it's amazing to see how much the Charity has grown and developed in the last 15 months since I was last here!

The welcome back I received has been overwhelming and it really is a privilege to be part of such a dedicated and inspirational team of staff, volunteers and trustees who all work together to provide the best support possible to families facing childhood cancer. I am excited for the future and growing together as we continue to stand by our values!

Over the next few months I will be 'getting to grips' with everything and learning as much as I possibly can! I'm looking forward to catching up with people I haven't seen for a while and getting to know lots of new faces!

A massive thank you to everyone who continues to support us in any way they can, it is only with this support that we are able to make such a difference to families who are affected by childhood cancer.

There are so many exciting developments underway to enhance the support we offer to families, including of course the Candlelighters Cottage and I can't wait to be able to tell you more about what's happening in the next edition of the newsletter!



Where are they now?

Richard Houston



So how did your 40 year celebrations go?

My mum, Pauline, organised a surprise party for all the family, 17 of us and we all enjoyed a lovely meal together. I had no idea everyone was going to be there.

How did Candlelighters help?

Being diagnosed in 1976 I have seen Candlelighters flourish from a small charity into what it is today. I have distinct memories of the Christmas Parties at Lawnswood Arms which my mum and a few other parents organised, they did everything themselves, presents, food, entertainment etc.

The money raised between then and now has been incredible and it keeps growing. I was young when I was in treatment, I didn't quite understand what was happening but the support they gave to my family was so important, I can't thank them enough.

Tell us your story

I was diagnosed with lymphosarcoma, a lymphatic cancer in 1976 at the age of 11. It was a very stressful time during my treatment especially being told I had just 3 months left to live. After Professor Cliff Bailey brought back the drug, Methotrexate, from America I was fortunate enough to respond positively and given the all clear on the 29 June 1978. I was very lucky, if it wasn't for him and especially Dr Eve Jones who helped me through the tough times I would not be here today.

And now?

I have a very loving family and a good job working for West Yorkshire Police in IT. I am happily married to my wife Catherine and have two sons, William aged 19 and James aged 17, which I am very thankful for after being told I may not be able to have children. I recently celebrated my 40 years clear.



What advice would you give to patients in treatment now?

Above all - there is hope, every year more and more treatments are becoming available, which brings hope. Technology is developing too, who knows what is next?

Fundraising Group Events

Ilkley Candlelighters

- ★ Ilkley Candlelighters Cocktail, Canape and Fashion Evening at The Ticket Office, Ilkley on Wednesday 19th September 2018 at 7.00pm. Tickets are £25 and include a glass of fizz on arrival, canapes, cocktail demonstrations and tasting, raffle and a fashion show by Pinoso and Beauty by Rouge. Contact Alison Clay for further information and tickets - alisonclay@me.com

Harrogate Candlelighters

- ★ Harrogate Flag Day on 22nd September. If you would like to volunteer please contact paula.needle@btinternet.com
- ★ Christmas Fair at Ripley Castle from 22nd to 25th November.
- ★ Harrogate Candlelighters Winter Wonderland Party on Saturday 1st December at Pavilions of Harrogate. Tickets are £75. Drink reception at 7pm. Carriages at 1am. Dress code Partywear. To reserve tickets or tables please contact Rebecca.donnelly@hatmill.co.uk or call her on 07545903670.

The Taylor Sheldrake Friends

for Candlelighters

- ★ Taylors Tour on October 27th and 28th, walking 87 miles across 14 stadiums in Yorkshire. To find out how you can get involved please contact Helen Sheldrake on 07786702942

York Candlelighters

- ★ York Balloon Fiesta at York Racecourse from 28th to 30th September 2018.
- ★ Christmas Fair at Sandburn Hall, Flaxton, York on 25th November.

Knaresborough

Candlelighters

We are looking for volunteers to help at the York Balloon Fiesta on the 28th to 30th September. If you are interested please **contact us on 0113 322 9283.**

The Knaresborough Candlelighters are a group of dedicated volunteers who generously give up their spare time to organise events locally to raise funds. In the last five years they have raised more than £41,000, a huge achievement that enables us to make a huge difference for families.

This year the group will be hosting their annual Ladies Lunch at The Dower House in Knaresborough on Saturday 29th September.

The event starts at 12.30pm with a sparkling reception! Tickets are £35 per person including a 3 course lunch.

On Saturday 2nd March 2019 Dan Budd will be performing as Robbie Williams at the Dower House Hotel, Knaresborough. It may be a while away but tickets are always in high demand for this popular event so get yours for £25.

To find out more about these events please contact the group's Chair, Julie Addyman on 01423 865650 or email nippersnursery@lineone.net.

If you would be interested in developing a new Candlelighters Fundraising Group in your local community please contact us on 0113 322 9283.

To find out more about all our groups please visit:
www.candlelighters.org.uk/what-we-do/fundraising-groups

PREPARING TO OPEN THE COTTAGE TO FAMILIES

Candlelighters
@The Cottage



The Candlelighters Cottage is being renovated ready for our first families to step through the doors in early Autumn.

We know how important it is for families to be together and our Cottage will provide a comfortable and homely place for them to stay to enable them to be near to the wards when their child is an inpatient at Leeds Children's Hospital.

It has been a real journey for the team in readying our first ever home from home provision, including, to our surprise, finding structural damage from a bomb dropped during the Second World War!

Your support has enabled us to make this dream a reality and so before we officially open the doors, we would like to invite you to come along for a tour of the Cottage to see what you have helped us achieve and say a huge thank you.



Cottage Tours

We hope to welcome you to the Candlelighters Cottage soon!



Tours are open to everyone, but a tour appointment must be booked in advance, by calling us on 0113 3229283 or emailing info@candlelighters.org.uk to ensure you have a place as space is limited.

Tours will run between the 21st September - 7th October at various times, including evenings.

DONATIONS IN MEMORY

Donations in memory are very precious to us. Whoever your donation remembers, we thank you for your very special way of showing your support.

DONATIONS FROM 1st JANUARY 2018 UNTIL 30th JUNE 2018

Aidan Wray.....	50.00	Frances Clara Lill	183.67	Megan Bell-Walker	305.96
Ali Khan.....	500.00	Freya Westerman	131.86	Megan Carr	35.00
Amy Huddleston.....	70.00	George Wheatley	60.00	Megan Chelsea Carr	255.10
Andrew Raine.....	30.00	Gertrude E Wormald.....	164.20	Megan Pratt	64.87
Axl Walker.....	44.55	Grace Wheeldon	24.65	Melanie Laffey	593.34
Barry O'Neill.....	300.00	Guy Metcalfe	7418.80	Michael Joseph Marsh.....	208.17
Bessie Hanson and		Harry Buckley.....	30.00	Michael Norfolk	225.00
Alexander Marsh.....	10000.00	Harry Flatt	3665.58	Michael Pollard Gale	188.56
Betty Crowcroft.....	650.00	Harvey Kendrew.....	450.00	Mr Lovelock	350.00
Billette Moore.....	231.00	Harvey Pettitt	146.05	Mr Mennell	410.00
Blake Holdsworth.....	20.00	Henry Balen	50.00	Muriel Priestley	126.30
Brad Macdonald.....	25.00	Henry Hamer.....	210.00	Neve and Belle Boitelle.....	962.00
Brett John Albert Scott.....	1296.00	Herbert Webster.....	183.78	Nicholas Throssel and	
Brian Adams Naylor.....	130.50	Hope Rooms.....	2401.82	Daniel Poskitt	326.13
Brooke Wilson	30.00	Isobel Ready	40.00	Nick Gill	541.67
Ceri Anderson.....	1200.00	Jack Brookes Ellis	298.05	Nioni Grant	507.25
Chris Chapman.....	104.36	Jack Gales	251.16	Nola Shipley	44.36
Clare Walker.....	99.00	Jack Simpson	687.50	Norma	250.00
Corrie Jones.....	31.50	Jane Mahoney	312.96	Oliver Field	18.70
Daniel Bayes.....	20.00	Jean Holroyd	144.46	Olivia Arnold	40.00
Daniel Bland.....	33.51	John and Ann Rogers	250.00	Olivia Muir.....	30.00
Daniel Simpkin.....	274.57	John K Lovelock	50.00	Reece Miree	1216.94
Daniel Stamp	100.00	Jonathan Mosley.....	275.00	Robert Blundell	574.00
David and Nicola Straw.....	250.00	Joseph Mayman	3989.40	Rory Welsh	425.00
David Barker.....	943.10	Joshua Kinnear.....	255.62	Ruth Hulse	50.00
Denise Battams.....	200.00	Kathryn Hopwood	50.00	Sheila Johnson	175.00
Derek Hardy.....	80.70	Kathryn Murphy	140.00	Sienna Shield	25.00
Derrick Austin.....	52.00	Kayleigh Logg	129.05	Skye Sutcliffe.....	3486.23
Donald Drake.....	225.00	Keith Hartley	746.50	Sophie Drake	30.00
Donald Edgley	320.89	Keith Walker	275.00	Stephen Goodrum.....	25.00
Doreen Giles	188.40	Ken Spreckley	93.75	Stuart Atkinson.....	100.00
Eden Shaw	894.90	Laura Hart	431.30	Summer Rose Thompson	186.09
Edith Fieldhouse	167.30	Leo Spavin.....	4992.33	Taylor Sheldrake.....	2400.00
Edna Davy	310.00	Lesley Fryer.....	1026.00	Terence George Craddock	244.00
Edward Clarke	638.01	Lucy Moore	25.00	Thomas Cammack	60.00
Eileen Falkingham	10.00	Luke Honeysett	35.50	Thomas Hudson	252.65
Eirik Kjellstad	15.00	Maci Craddock	1461.33	Victoria Smith (nee Kula)	187.50
Elliott Robinson.....	250.00	Marianne Shackleton.....	24.37	William	25.00
Ella Crann	311.44	Mark Butterfield	361.00	William Kenneth Carter	148.67
Elliott Robinson.....	8889.42	Matthew Hodgson	10.00	Zack Barrett.....	652.98
Eric Gaze	152.00	Maureen Boardman	474.64		
Ethel Hansell	56.40	Maureen Holdsworth.....	400.00		
Finley Bailey.....	100.00	Maxwell Johnson	100.00		

day of memories
Candlelighters

Each year we invite family members to join our Day of Memories committee. This involves attending monthly meetings where we discuss decorations, activities and most importantly the poems, songs and readings which will be performed on the day. We are currently looking for family members to join the committee for Day of Memories 2019; our first committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 21st November, 4pm at The Square. If you are interested in joining or have any queries about the committee then please email memory@candlelighters.org.uk or call The Square to find out more.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (CCAM). Candlelighters are working to increase the public knowledge of childhood cancers throughout the month and the support that is offered by Candlelighters.

CCAM is an important time for all of us to work together to raise the awareness of childhood cancer to ensure people know what signs to look out for to aid an early diagnosis, keeping this in the spotlight as much as possible.

We are collaborating with iconic buildings across Yorkshire to illuminate them in gold/yellow across the month of September. The buildings confirmed so far, and to keep an eye on are:

- Leeds First Direct Arena • Leeds Civic Hall
- Leeds Town Hall • Bradford Alhambra
- Wakefield Town Hall Clock Tower
- Huddersfield Town Hall

DID YOU KNOW?

We are looking for individuals to volunteer for a couple of hours between 9am and 5pm, at our LEEDS city centre CCAM bucket collections. Our next collection is Saturday 22nd September



Further dates for York and Wakefield will be confirmed in due course too. If you can help please call us on 0113 3229283, every penny collected helps to make a real difference.

REINDEER RUN

Following the success of last year's Reindeer Run, Candlelighters are excited to announce that we will be holding a second Reindeer Run during the Christmas season of 2018.

This festive Fun Run will be held at Lotherton Hall and is open to all abilities. You will receive reindeer antlers to run in, sponsorship forms and a certificate upon completion. All dates and times will be revealed by the 1st October on our website: www.candlelighters.org.uk

To register your interest now please email: events@candlelighters.org.uk



Candlelighters Christmas Raffle

The Candlelighters Christmas Raffle 2018 is bigger and better than ever! In 2017 you helped us raise £11,941 to continue our support for families facing childhood cancer across Yorkshire. This year we have a fantastic selection of star prizes to suit everyone including:

1st PRIZE



Win a holiday to the Algarve, Portugal

2nd PRIZE



Spend the day with Julian Norton, The Yorkshire Vet (as seen on TV!)

3rd PRIZE



Win a brand new sports bike

Don't miss your chance to enter! There is a book of raffle tickets with your newsletter, to have a chance to win please complete the raffle stub, keeping the tickets so you have your numbers safe and return the stub to us by Monday 3rd December.

The winning tickets will be drawn on Friday 14th December. If you would like further tickets to sell to your family, friends, colleagues, school or in your local community please contact us on 0113 322 9283.

MANY MORE PRIZES ARE LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE ALONG WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Virtual Gifts



- ★ This Christmas, Candlelighters is excited to be bringing back our virtual gifts! They are a great present for friends and family whilst helping to support families across Yorkshire this Christmas who are affected by children's cancer.
- ★ The virtual gifts will range from £5 for arts and crafts for children on the ward to make Christmas cards and decorations, up to £4000 which could cover the cost of the entire Christmas party for all the children supported by Candlelighters.
- ★ With each virtual gift you will receive a Christmas card and a new Candlelighters Christmas badge as a gift to say thank you for supporting Candlelighters over the festive period.
- ★ If you are struggling to shop for presents this year, have a look on www.candlelighters.org.uk to shop our virtual gifts, to really make a difference this Christmas.

YOU CAN SUPPORT CANDLELIGHTERS THIS CHRISTMAS THROUGH OPTING TO TAKE PART IN OUR SHARE A CARD SCHEME.

The Share a Card is a large A4 card, which can make its way around your work place, family, friends and groups, enabling each individual to write and personalise their own festive message. The card can then either be proudly on show in a communal area, or you can take it in turns to have it on display in your home.

This Share a Card saves buying, writing and sending individual cards. Instead you can all write your well wishes in one card and donate the money you would have spent to Candlelighters. It is a great way to support families facing childhood cancer in the season of sharing and giving. Our Share a Card design this Christmas has been designed by a child we support, making it unique for 2018.

On signing up you will receive a pack in early November, which has everything you need to get going, including a large A4 sized Christmas card, thank you letter, poster and a cardboard collection box. If you are interested in reserving and ordering your Share a Card in support of Candlelighters, please email info@candlelighters.org.uk or call us on 0113 322 9283

Share A Card



Candlelighters

first ever sibling residential!

This summer Candlelighters held their first ever sibling residential. All brothers and sisters who have been affected by childhood cancer were invited to an overnight stay at Bramhope Scouts Campsite for a weekend jam-packed with activities.

From go karting, archery, climbing, bouncy castles and treasure hunts, fun was had by all. When night time came it turned into a competition of who could stay up the longest and consume the most sugar before bedtime!

Candlelighters owes a big thank you to the Scouts for making this happen. The success of the residential will mean we can hopefully do this every year. We look forward to the next one.



If you would like more information about the sibling groups that Candlelighters runs then please don't hesitate to get in touch on 0113 8878333

Family Fun Day

In June over 250 family members attended the Sherburn Family Fun Day. This is a wonderful day donated to Candlelighters by the fantastic staff, pilots and volunteers at Sherburn Aero Club.

The day included 17 aircraft flying families over beautiful Yorkshire, more than 30 TVR cars from The North Yorkshire Performance Drivers group whizzing them around the track, face painters, balloon modellers, a massive buffet and glorious sunshine. It was a very special day for all. Thank you to Julia and the whole team who made this possible!



Dads

The Square's Bereaved Dads group has now been running for over 12 months and so far the Dads have been on days out to the driving range, clay pigeon shooting, bowling and out for a curry! We now have a regular group of Dads who meet 4 times a year to enjoy an exciting activity and to meet other Dads who have lost their child to cancer.

These groups are here to help build friendships with others who have experienced this loss and to give them the opportunity to talk about their children in a safe and understanding environment.

To find out about all our support groups please visit www.candlelighters.org.uk/howcandlelighterscanhelp/the-square/

Since our beautiful angels left us we have been promising to go for a beer, as we also only live a few miles apart. Tonight you finally made that happen. A very sincere thank you.

Bereaved Dad



CAN YOU HELP US?

Here at Candlelighters we are always trying to improve our services, as part of this Patric, our Applied Health Researcher, is talking to families about their experiences. He is hoping to undertake interviews, either face to face at The Square or over the telephone. Everyone's input is welcome and valued. However those families who were supported more than three years ago are currently underrepresented. We would really like to speak to you whether or not you are using our services at the moment. If you would like more information please contact patric.devitt@candlelighters.org.uk or on 0113 8878333.

The Candlelighters Bus has been on the road for nearly 2 years and since then it has welcomed almost 300 family members on board. We recently conducted a survey asking for feedback about the bus and we received some questions, here is where we answer them for you.



Are children welcome on-board?

Children of all ages are welcome on-board the Candlelighters Bus. If your child is a patient and wants a wellbeing treatment, we will need you to get a consent form signed by their doctor first. If your child is a sibling under 18 you can sign the form for them. The team on board the bus are also there to keep your child entertained whilst you relax & have a treatment, we have lots of DVDs, books & toys to keep them busy.

I am not sure that I am eligible for support on the Candlelighters Bus?

If you have been supported by Candlelighters in the past then you are most likely eligible to access the support on the bus. It does not matter how long you have been on your journey, or what your circumstances are, we are here to support you.

I can't see any dates when you are near to where I live?

As a rule The Candlelighters Bus will not be making visits to any locations in Leeds, as we feel families in this area have the proximity of The Square. We decided where the bus would visit in 2018 based on two things; 1) how many families we support live in that area and 2) how many families visited the Bus in that area in 2017. In 2017 we visited over 30 different locations and found that in some areas families did not use the service, therefore in 2018 we concentrated on areas where the service was most in demand. However, if you feel there is a need for more support in your area then please get in touch with the Family Support Team to discuss.

The times you visit aren't convenient to me?

In 2017 we tried a combination of daytime, evening and weekend visits; we found that the number of families accessing the bus did not increase on an evening or weekend so we decided that the bus would mimic the opening hours of The Square. However, if you feel there is a need for the bus to visit your area during a weekend or evening, then please get in touch with the Family Support Team to discuss.

Why don't you use the Candlelighters Bus at events, to help raise awareness?

The Candlelighters Bus has been used in the past at Family Events and as part of our CCAM campaign, however, as there is a cost to taking the bus out each time we have to be mindful that we are using the bus in the most effective manner, and that is why its main focus is to help promote Family Support in areas outside of Leeds.

Sometimes I am just a bit nervous about turning up on my own for a chat?

If you haven't been to The Square before, or accessed support from Candlelighters in the past, we understand that visiting the bus for the first time can be quite daunting. To combat this we will be scheduling a drop in service hosted by a member of our Family Network Team, this means that you will be able to come on board and speak to someone who has gone through a similar journey as yours, someone who 'gets it'. To find out when & where these drop in services will be please take a look at The Square's Facebook page or call 0113 887 8333.

Full details about where The Candlelighters Bus is going and what is available on board can be found at www.candlelighters.org.uk/howcandlelighterscanhelp/the-candlelighters-bus

Volunteering

Our amazing volunteer team is growing and every single volunteer helps us to do so much more. Volunteers help in so many different ways including:

1



Helping to provide a warm and welcoming environment for callers and visitors to the Square

2



Joining a Fundraising Group and helping to organise events to help raise funds and awareness.

Organising informal social events and activities for family members and previous patients to get together and provide informal peer support

3



Being an Ambassador for the charity and helping to raise awareness of our work

4



Providing vital administration and office support

5



Delivering and picking up collecting cans, merchandise and prizes

6



Volunteering on a 'one-off' or occasional basis to help make our fundraising events a huge success and really special and memorable

7



And of course, our wonderful Trustees who govern the charity are all volunteers as well.

"The Square is such a cheerful place to work and everyone is so welcoming and kind. Volunteering here has helped me gain experience working in a different environment to one I'm used to as well as boosting my confidence"

Chloe, Front of House Volunteer

"Being a volunteer for Candlelighters is the most valuable and rewarding thing I have ever done in my life"

Stacy, Family Events Volunteer.

"The application process was very professional... The staff are extremely welcoming and make me feel very appreciated"

Emma, Front of House Volunteer

"It is a really lovely team of people and I always feel valued and appreciated. It has increased my self-esteem and helped me get a new job. It is a positive experience. You get a chance to help and also gain new knowledge and skills"

Olga, Administration and Office Support Volunteer

If you are interested in joining our fantastic volunteer team, please take a look at our current volunteering opportunities www.candlelighters.org.uk/howyoucanhelp/volunteer-for-candlelighters/current-volunteering-opportunities

Corporate Support

Sky Betting & Gaming

Earlier this year we were delighted to hear the news that the staff at Sky Betting & Gaming had chosen Candlelighters as their charity to support throughout 2018.

Brian Curran, Candlelighters Corporate Fundraiser said, *"This partnership is an exciting addition to our existing ones. As well as raising money for us the level of awareness they generate is phenomenal."*

The team at Sky Betting have entered numerous events and have also been busy organising their own. Their annual cycling challenge on the 29th June saw over sixty riders pedal to victory, clocking up an impressive 3,000 miles between them and raising £3,000 along the way.

Their first ever fundraising casino night, bringing together a combination of poker play, fundraising and live entertainment in the glittering surroundings of Victoria Gate Casino, also raised a phenomenal £3000.

Their world cup quiz night saw free pizza provided to boost brainpower, as teams of friends from across the business tackled a testing digital quiz devised by football experts within the business, with the chance to win a range of prizes throughout the night. This event, raising £500, took their total (as we went to press) to over £10,000!



Leeds Hilton

Central Leeds hotel, The Hilton, have chosen us as their charity partner and are in the process of organising a Sports Dinner on Friday, November 9th.

The speaker will be ex Leeds Rhinos icon, Jamie Peacock, and the evening will be hosted by Halifax comedian Peter Emmett. An auction of sports memorabilia will be held and Jamie has promised to donate an auction lot.

The event starts at 7pm and tickets cost £45 each or a table of 10 costs £400. To reserve your tickets/tables please contact Brian Curran on 0113 322 9283 or email brian.curran@candlelighters.org.uk

Hello Amy...

We are delighted to welcome Amy Harrison who joins the Fundraising Team as a Corporate Fundraiser, joining Brian Curran, who retires in December. Amy has extensive experience in the voluntary sector and has already made connections with Leeds based businesses.

Amy said, *"I am delighted to join the Candlelighters team and look forward to meeting our wonderful corporate supporters, current and new."*



CAN YOU NOMINATE US?

We want to attract more corporate supporters and would like readers to help us. If you work in a company who asks for Charity of the Year nominations please will you nominate Candlelighters. Amy or Brian will be only too pleased to discuss any potential partnerships with you. **Just call them on 0113 322 9283.**

In Lieu Giving

Fancy spreading the awareness and increasing funds donated to Candlelighters on your special occasion? Why not ask for donations in lieu of gifts for your wedding, birthday or anniversary?

We have different ways in which we can support you with this, such as pin badges to order for favours and setting up online giving pages in lieu of your very special day.

Please call 0113 322 9283 to discuss how you can support Candlelighters through a "gift in lieu".



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT AMAZON SMILE?

For every purchase made on Amazon Smile, they will donate 0.5% of the net purchase to a charity of your choice!

It is really quick and easy to set up and a small way to make a big difference! All you have to do is search smile.amazon.co.uk, sign in and choose your charity. It doesn't cost you a penny!

In order for the money to come to us every time you use it, you must start your search at: smile.amazon.co.uk It is a super easy, hassle free way to raise funds and every little helps in supporting families facing childhood cancer across Yorkshire!

amazonsmile



Christmas Cards

Our exciting new Christmas card range is now available to order as per the enclosed leaflet or on our online shop at www.candlelighters.org.uk. This year we have introduced some Christmas wrapping paper as well as favourites like reindeer food and santa kits.

If you would like to order Christmas cards on a sale or return basis to sell to family, friends, groups or in your workplace, please call us on 0113 3229283.



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42 students from Leeds University pedalled to Prague in June to raise over £26,638.99 smashing the target they set themselves of £12,000.

Kam Johal cycled from London to Paris in July to raise funds for Candlelighters. She has raised over £2,118.05, which is more than double what she set out to raise. By getting her school and gym involved she has smashed her target!



Rachael Johnson took on an epic challenge to trek the Great Wall of China in aid of Candlelighters in May. The challenge involved 6 days of trekking different sections of the wall for between 6 and 7 hours each day in 34 degree heat. Rachael paid for the trip which meant that all the money she raised was donated directly to the charity. Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored her and helped her raise over £2093.95.



Mike Herbert and Andy Marshall did a bike ride from Bradford to Hamm, Germany. They called it to Hamm and Bach! They cycled 700 miles in 7 days!



Amanda Pearn and Rachel Curry will be trekking Machu Picchu in Peru on 7th September 2018!



George Colquhoun completed the Comrades Marathon, an ultramarathon in South Africa, on 10th June.



Carl's Cape Epic Adventure

Carl undertook one of what he describes as his "long-standing dreams", back in March 2018 in aid of Candlelighters. Carl raced the Cape Epic in South Africa, which is renowned to be the hardest mountain bike race in the world with a distance of 658km climbing over 13,500m, all over 8 consecutive days.

Emma's Australian Skydive

Emma Ross, a past patient, has committed to doing a Skydive during her trip to Australia in September.

"I've signed up to do my skydive challenge in Australia in aid of Candlelighters as I want to make a difference. With having Leukaemia myself when I was younger, a skydive for the Candlelighters is always something I've wanted to do and having the wonderful chance to do it in Brisbane, Australia is even better! This is something I'm very passionate about and a dream come true I am going to be achieving this!"

I'm inspired by the work of the Candlelighters team, as they've helped and supported me, my family and many other families in Yorkshire. They have progressed so far and are still doing an amazing job! I want to support them by raising money."

